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1. The Central Music Academy in Peiping is on the campus of Yenching University. At the academy three students share a bedroom. No one occupies a room singly. Personal articles are kept in bags. There are no locked storage spaces such as cabinets or lockers. Each student has his own enamel wash basin. There are showers for the students at the academy.
2. Each student brings his own chopsticks, rice bowl, and spoon to each meal and must personally care for the cleanliness of these utensils. At each table there is a large basin containing a disinfectant in which the utensils are to be dipped after they are washed in water. Students are constantly reminded to be sanitary and to pay special attention to their health. All food is carefully covered and all refuse is either burned or carted away. At meal times the students sit eight to a table. Boys and girls can sit together. At each meal a large bowl of soup is placed on one table in the dining room and students help themselves. At lunch and dinner rice and vegetables are served. Students may take as much rice as they want, but they cannot take second helpings of vegetables. Steamed rolls and rice congee are served for breakfast.
3. Students rise at 6 a.m. and have physical training at 6:30 a.m. The morning is devoted to study and lunch is served at noon. Classes are held in the afternoon. Lights must be out at 10:30 p.m. The students study in a room divided up into individual cubicles which are open at one end.
4. While students are required to attend political indoctrination and study classes, participation in these classes or in political activities is not required. Students are free to choose extra-curricular activities. There are many volunteers for groups to visit families of Korean War casualties and for participants in dramatic and adult education activities.
5. Men wear shorts and shirts on the campus and girls wear skirts and blouses. Very few long gowns are worn at school. Girls do not wear make-up. Before the arrival of important visitors, such as Soviets, the students are requested

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to dress more formally. The men then wear long trousers, ties, and jackets. The school is one of the showplaces of the city and is usually included in tours given visiting dignitaries. The Soviets who visit the campus are very friendly with the students. Occasionally Soviet musicians give concerts for the students.

6. Most of the music teachers have received training abroad in either America or Europe. There is one female Russian teacher at the school who teaches violin.

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